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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. 98,375-C)

Line Application of: )  
Mehta et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/701,979 )  
Filed: June 2, 1999 )  
For: METHOD FOR STAINING BIOLOGICAL )  
SPECIMENS BY COMBINING UNSTABLE )  
REAGENTS ON A MICROSCOPIC SLIDE )  
Group Art Unit: 1648  
Examiner: Z. Lucas

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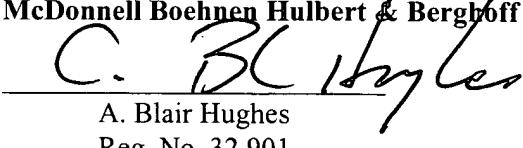
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In regard to the above-identified application:

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Respectfully submitted,  
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